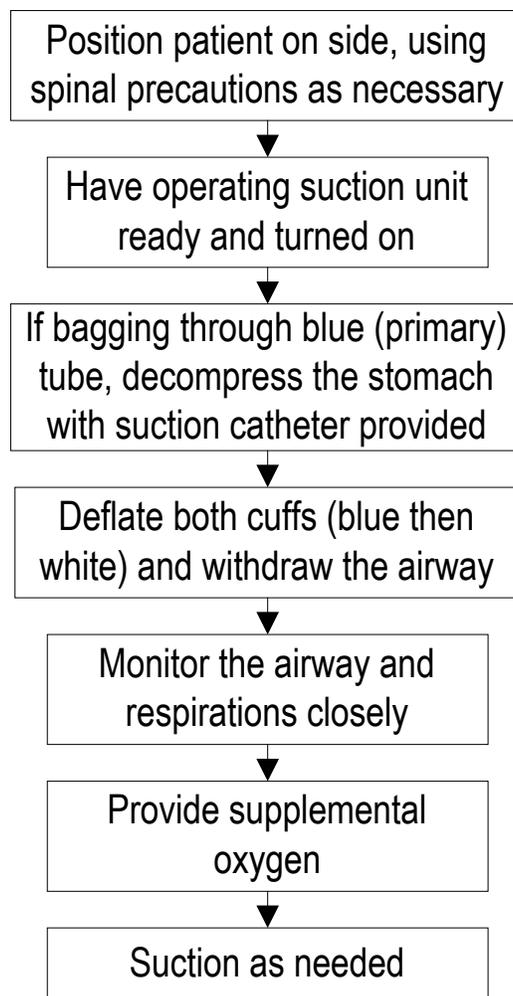


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**MILWAUKEE COUNTY EMS  
PRACTICAL SKILL  
COMBITUBE REMOVAL**

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<b>Purpose:</b> To safely remove a Combitube from the patient's airway		<b>Indications:</b> Patient regains consciousness Protective gag reflex returns Ventilation is inadequate	
<b>Advantages:</b> Removes focus of discomfort and agitation from a patient with an intact gag reflex who is adequately ventilating on their own	<b>Disadvantages:</b> Loss of positive airway control	<b>Complications:</b> Aspiration	<b>Contraindications:</b> Any patient unable to adequately ventilate or protect own airway



**NOTES:**

- If considering Extubation due to patient agitation, contact medical control for possible sedation order.
- Remove the tube in a smooth, steady motion, suctioning as needed.